

# Margaret Roding Parish Council

## MINUTES

Ordinary Meeting of Margaret Roding Parish Council  
held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at The Farmhouse, Reid Rooms

**Present**

Cllr Peter Briggs  
Cllr David Nicoll (from item 3)  
Cllr Richard Parsons  
Cllr Simon Phillips (chair)  
Cllr Chris Turner  
Clerk Allison Ward

**Residents and Visitors**      None present

<b>1</b>	<b>Apologies for absence</b>	
	All in attendance.	
<b>2</b>	<b>Co-opting parish councillors</b>	
	Following the parish council elections two vacancies remain. The Representation of the People Act 1985 section 21, allows the elected members, provided there is a quorum, to co-opt members to fill the remaining vacancies.	
	Cllr Phillips proposed David Nicoll be co-opted onto the parish council, this was seconded by Cllr Parsons with all in agreement. Meeting noted that one vacancy remains.	
	Cllr Nicoll joined the Cllrs and completed the declaration of acceptance of office.	
<b>3</b>	<b>Declaration of Interest for this meeting</b>	
	None	
<b>4</b>	<b>Public Forum</b>	
	No public present, however, Cllrs raised concerns with the speed of vehicles on Marks Hall Lane. This was considered further under agenda item 10.	
<b>5</b>	<b>Minutes</b>	
	Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting 16 <sup>th</sup> May 2023 were proposed by Cllr Phillips as a true record, seconded by Cllr Turner with all in agreement; the Chairman signed the minutes.	
<b>6</b>	<b>County and District Cllr Report</b>	
	County and District Cllr Susan Barker sent apologies to the meeting, there was no written report.	
<b>7</b>	<b>Clerk's Progress Update and Correspondence</b>	
<b>7.1</b>	Information on national plans for 80th anniversary of D-Day celebrations on 6th June 2024 has been circulated to the parish council. (To add to November agenda)	Clerk

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7.2	Uttlesford is consulting on the proposed Local Council Tax Support scheme for 2024/25. The consultation runs until Monday 4 September 2023. Please see this link to respond <a href="https://letstalk.uttlesford.gov.uk/lcts-scheme-for-2024-25">https://letstalk.uttlesford.gov.uk/lcts-scheme-for-2024-25</a>	
7.3	London Stansted Airport has published a consultation on its Draft Noise Action Plan 2024-2028. This sets out how MAGs currently, and in the future, will manage the effects and impact of aircraft noise. Deadline for responding is 28 <sup>th</sup> August (to note post meeting this deadline was extended to 20 <sup>th</sup> September for Town and Parish Councils).	
8	<b>Councillor's Updates</b>	
8.1	Environment and Health – Nothing to report	
8.2	Transport – The meeting noted Essex County Council is consulting on the future of ‘supported Local Bus Services 2024 – 2028. The 59 route, Sunday only, is a supported service. The consultation proposes no change to this service. The parish council confirmed their support for this proposal, deadline for responding to the consultation is 5th October 2023.	
8.3	Local Government – The meeting noted correspondence to confirm Uttlesford will be consulting on Polling districts and stations in October.	
9	<b>Planning</b>	
9.1	<b>Applications</b> - None	
9.2	<b>Decisions</b>  Application                    UTT/23/0660/FUL Location                        Barns At Ongar Road Development                  Barn conversion Decision                         Conditional approval	
10	<b>Highways</b>	
10.1	Update on progress with Marks Hall Lane and associated surface water drainage. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clerk wrote to Essex Highways, copy to County Cllr Susan Barker in May requesting a meeting with Essex Highways, Thames Water and the parish council to jointly agree a way forward. To date and following several reminders Essex Highways has not responded to the request to meet. The Clerk will continue to chase.</li> <li>• Cllr Parsons proposed the parish council sends a formal letter to Thames Water environmental health team, highlighting the issues when flooding occurs and the health risks to residents caused by showers and toilets backing up. To include the noise disturbance caused from tankers which are used when flooding takes the pumping station out of service. This was seconded by Cllr Phillips with all in agreement.</li> <li>• Cllr Parsons to talk to neighbouring landowner to see if there are options for using part of the field as a flood plain.</li> </ul>	Clerk  Clerk  Cllr Parsons
10.2	Update on overgrown footpath along A1060 which restricts the Rodings school walking route.  Following correspondence with Cllr Barker on the state of the footpath along the A1060 through Margaret Roding, the clerk was asked to write to Essex School Transport to request an	Clerk

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<p><b>10.3</b></p> <p><b>10.4</b></p> <p><b>10.5</b></p>	<p>inspection of the school walking route.to Rodings Primary. The parish council is concerned this route is not safe for children to walk as pedestrians are required to walk in the road at several points due to overhanging vegetation, the vegetation that is encroaching the footpath, and the fact the kerb is level with the highways following successive resurfacing.</p> <p>Clerk to check when gullies along A1060 were last cleared, Cllrs noted that following the recent resurfacing a large amount of stone has fallen into them. In addition, Cllrs commented on the white line painting where a stretch of road had been missed, Clerk to follow up.</p> <p>Clerk was asked to write to residents at Hockleys, Marks Hall Lane with a request to trim back the hedge which has grown over the highway and is limited the width at this point.</p> <p>Cllr proposed that Margaret Roding parish council supports the ‘Essex 20s Plenty Campaign’ and calls on Essex County Council to implement a 20mph speed limit along place Marks Hall Lane from its junction at Ongar Road through to its junction with the A1060. This stretch is a narrow, single-track lane with no footpath, it currently has a speed limit of 30mph and a 7.5tonne weight limit. it is used by pedestrians to access the bus service on the A1060, and local footpaths for recreational purposes. The stretch of road includes the access to The Reid Rooms wedding venue which creates additional traffic from visitors unfamiliar with the area, it is also used as a cut through to Fyfield. This was seconded by Cllr Nicoll with all in agreement.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>								
<p><b>11</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Parish Council Projects</b></p> <p>Cllr Parsons agreed to assist with looking at options for a VAS sign on the A1060.</p>	<p>Clerk/ Cllr Parsons &amp; Turner</p>								
<p><b>12</b></p> <p><b>12.1</b></p> <p><b>12.2</b></p> <p><b>12.3</b></p> <p><b>12.4</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Finance</b></p> <p>The clerk confirmed the internal audit for 2022/23 had been completed and no matters of concern raised with the parish council accounts.</p> <p>Cllr Philips proposed the following payments, this was seconded by Cllr Turner with all in agreement.</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>Allison Ward - Parish Clerk June and July 2023</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 135.62</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Karen Weare – Internal Audit</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 25.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Rural Community Council of Essex – Annual subscription</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 52.80</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Uttlesford District Council – Uncontested election</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 52.47</td> </tr> </table> <p>The first instalment of precept has been received, £1,075.</p> <p>The Clerk presented the accounts for the quarter April to June 2023, and these were accepted by the meeting. The closing cash position at June 2023 was £7,634.</p>	Allison Ward - Parish Clerk June and July 2023	£ 135.62	Karen Weare – Internal Audit	£ 25.00	Rural Community Council of Essex – Annual subscription	£ 52.80	Uttlesford District Council – Uncontested election	£ 52.47	<p>Clerk</p>
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<p><b>13</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Items for next Agenda</b></p> <p>Co-opting parish councillor</p>									
<p><b>14</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Date of Next Meeting</b></p> <p>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September 7.30pm at The Reid Rooms.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 9.00pm.</p>									